

# National Force

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realize this condition, and proper results will not be accomplished throughout the United States, as to national guard efficiency, until Congress passes a federal pay bill for national guards similar to the one now pending before it. The responsibility assumed by both officers and men of the guard is a substantial responsibility requiring energy, time and ability which should be fairly compensated for, for responsibilities and benefits cannot be wholly upon one side.

## COMMODIOUS ARMORIES.

Shortly after the close of the year the guard of the state will be better housed than ever before. Mantli is provided with an armory commodious and well appointed, constructed with a view to such use. Such a building is in process of construction in both Mt. Pleasant and Ephraim, and for the first time all the organizations of the guard will have fairly adequate facilities for the care of government property and the training of men. Salt Lake City is perhaps the poorest provided for with armory facilities, but it is hoped that at no distant day a change can be made here and a proper and suitable armory erected.

The encampment of 1911 was easily the most successful and profitable state encampment during the last five years. The site was the best ever had, the camp was more scientifically or-

camp seemed to be imbued with the desire to make the camp profitable from the standpoint of military training and results and entered into a work with enthusiasm and an evident desire to create and show efficiency. To this end local officers and organizations were materially aided and assisted by Captain H. M. Powell, Captain D. H. Currie, and Lieut. Josiah Holland, instructor-inspectors detailed from the regular army for that particular camp, and Capt. H. LaF. Applewhite, assigned to duty regularly with the state by the war department from the regular army.

## RIFLE PRACTICE.

The attendance of the state rifle team at the national rifle competition at Camp Perry, Ohio, was a profitable tour of duty and taken as a team was equal to any the state has seen there. Though it won no prizes in shooting was very creditable and left the match with third place in Class C. Teams from the respective states and even the service teams attend this match under unequal conditions. A state in selecting a team handicapped by the numerical force has to draw from. The less number of men a state has to select a team from and the less funds it has to train the team with, the more it is handicapped and in the regard Utah is the heaviest handicap of all.

The extra officers' bill, so-called, which was passed by Congress at the last session, made it practicable for the war department to detail officers from the active list to the number of 744 from the respective states and Lieut. W. E. Persons, Eleventh Infantry, was detailed to Utah. This officer brings to the service not only experience and technical knowledge, but also an enthusiasm for his work and a strong desire to secure tangible and profitable results. The assistance of Captain Applewhite and Lieut. Persons has been beneficially felt in the last.

## DEVELOPMENT OF MANHOOD.

Not the least of the results attending the initial efforts to put the military system of the United States upon a sane, and effective basis is the growing public appreciation of the fact that proper military work is a strong factor in the development of manhood and mental and moral caliber in the everyday affairs of life. The progress of Germany along all lines is attributed by some of our leading and strongest educators directly to its almost perfect military system, and the subject is worthy of the candid consideration of all.

The officers and men of all organizations are entitled to great credit for the intelligent and painstaking effort they have given to military duties and it can be safely said that no state has a more capable set of officers than our own and their efforts have been ably seconded by the enlisted personnel and due credit in this regard has been freely accorded them by confidential reports of inspecting officers of the war department. It is expected that